



Croydon Catch Up | May 2026

A hello from Sue

The summer term heralds more opportunities to enjoy some brighter weather - I was very grateful for the sunshine and a chance to spend lots of time outside on our recent Brownie residential over the May bank holiday.

I'm looking forward to seeing some of our Brownie leaders at the upcoming Castles and Crowns event at Leeds Castle next month - do come and say hello if we haven't had a chance to meet!

Sue

Please note the updated email address:
croydoncountycommissioner@gmail.com



**Please join us for our
annual**

Croydon county BBQ

Monday 29 June 2026

7pm - 9.30pm

**The Radcliffe Centre
Harding Close
Croydon**



Dates for your diary

Click on the links to book trainings and events

21 May	Young leader [adult] training
23 May	Depot
2 June	DBS/GAW/LDP Drop-in
6 June	Depot
13 June	Gruffy Fair recruitment event
19 June	Afternoon Tea fundraiser
20 June	Castles and Crowns for Brownies
	Depot
29 June	County BBQ
4 July	Depot

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26 October	Awesome Roarsome for Rainbows
14 November	First Response



Awesome Roarsome at ICANDO

Monday 26 October 2026



**Look out for more information
about this event in next
month's Catch Up!**



Trainings

21 May

How to support your young leaders

The Radcliffe Centre, Harding Close, Croydon
7.30pm - 9pm

**Links to book can be found in
'dates for your diary'**

**Please note the Gift Aid
training on the 4 June has been
cancelled.**

Drop-in Support | Tuesday 14 June, 7pm-8:30pm
Radcliffe Centre, Harding Close CR0 5QZ

Are you working on your leadership or residential qualification or would like to know more about it?

Do you need support completing your DBS check?

Come along and meet some of the county's mentors for a cup of tea - they will be able to support and answer any questions you have.



Girlguiding Awards

Do you have anyone you'd like to nominate for an award?

All we ask for is the name of someone who you think has gone above and beyond in their Guiding role, taken on extra responsibilities or continues Guiding despite their other personal responsibilities and commitments.

Please submit the name of the person with the reason for nomination using one of the below three ways:

- Directly to Sue Lockyer, chair of the Croydon county awards committee - suelockyer52@hotmail.com
- Through your division commissioner
- Via the submission tab on the [Girlguiding Croydon website](#).

The person must not be aware they are being nominated. Non-Guiding activities can be included.

Nominations can be made at any time.

The county award's committee will consider which award is the most suitable and request further information if necessary. You can read more about the different awards [here](#).



Keeping in touch

Another friendly reminder to check your contact details and marketing preferences on Go. Simply log in and click on your name in the top right-hand corner to view and update your online profile.

This applies to young leaders as well, so please do check for your own units.

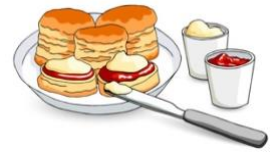
Should you need support, please contact Janet via croydongoguru@gmail.com.



Fundraising Summer Afternoon Tea in aid of St John's Guide Hall

Friday 19 June, 2:30pm-4:30pm

Rear of St John's Church, Upper Selsdon Road CR2 8DD
£12 per person



Enjoy a full afternoon tea with sandwiches, cakes and scones - with strawberry jam and cream of course!

Non-alcoholic fruit punch served on arrival.

Tickets from Sue - suelockyer52@hotmail.com / 07720 781492

Please advise of any dietary requirements upon booking.

This event is not suitable for children.



In case you missed it...

From Girlguiding LaSER:

- ⇒ Who doesn't love a free badge? The Grow Together volunteer recruitment challenge is a collection of simple actions you can take in your local area to spread the word about how great volunteering with Girlguiding is, suitable for all sections to work on as a unit as well as individuals. [Find out more and download your activity pack here.](#)
- ⇒ Would you like to know more about taking Guides and Rangers abroad? To build your confidence, leaders are invited to join a team of adults for the upcoming event, Dabble in Dusseldorf. Registration closes on 10 June 2026 - [find out more here.](#)

From Girlguiding; the launch of the new uniform is planned for the week commencing 27 July - you can catch up on the process so far [here](#).



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Croydon Catch Up comes out monthly and we'd like to celebrate our members' achievements, forthcoming local guiding events (open to all) and share best practice.

If you have something you would like to share in the next month's edition, please email girlguidingcroydoncomms@gmail.com by the 5th of the month.

Please note submissions should be maximum 250 words and not include photos of young members.